

SYN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND  
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June 22, 2004

On June 10, 2004, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted a template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems. If the County elects to enter into the MOU, it will be agreeing to undertake various responsibilities regarding the regulation of residential on-site wastewater treatment systems. Among those responsibilities will be conducting an inventory of existing systems and potentially implementing statewide standards for these systems.

While the originally-proposed MOU has been modified to reflect County concerns, the State Water Resources Control Board is considering on-site wastewater treatment system regulations that may ultimately be enforced by the County through the MOU. Whether enforced by the Regional Water Quality Control Board or the County, these regulations will have a significant impact in the County on new residential development as well as the repair and replacement of existing on-site wastewater treatment systems. The regulations will have their greatest impact in areas where on-site wastewater treatment systems are commonly used, such as in the North Santa Monica Mountains, Agua Dulce, Acton and Juniper Hills.

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The County needs to ensure that all County Departments are adequately prepared for the adoption and implementation of these requirements, and that our constituents are informed of the impact to their properties.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board instruct the Director of Public Works and the Director of Health Services to prepare a status report for the Board within 45 days on the development of statewide standards for on-site wastewater treatment systems and on the progress of negotiations with the Regional Water Quality Control Board for the County's Memorandum of Understanding for On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems; and

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Board instruct the Directors of Public Works and Health Services to include in their report an estimate of those resources that will be necessary to complete the inventory of on-site wastewater treatment systems countywide that will be required by the MOU.